

# Honours Program FAQ

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## What is the Honours BA degree in Rhetoric and Communications?

The Honours BA is a degree that offers all of the benefits of our 3-Year and 4-Year BA programs as well as the opportunity for intensive study of theories and methods in rhetoric and communications. This program is designed to prepare qualified students for graduate studies, and also provide understanding of, and qualification in, the fields of rhetoric and communications for employment opportunities.

## What graduate studies can I pursue with the Honours degree?

Students with an Honours BA in Rhetoric and Communications can enter graduate studies in such fields as communications, composition, media studies, rhetoric, cultural studies, and public relations, among others.

## What careers can I pursue with the Honours degree?

Upon completion, students are well prepared for public- and private-sector careers that depend on advanced analytical and communicative skills.

Sample careers include: communications officer, media coordinator, social media manager, publicity agent, public affairs officer, public information officer, marketing manager, museum or gallery educators, technical or scientific writer, copywriter, copy editor, speech writer, press secretary, event planner, or researcher, among others.

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RHET-4900(3) Honours Thesis in Rhetoric and Communications

### How to apply to the program?

To apply, complete the [Honours Major Declaration/Application Form](#), and submit it to the Department via [t.muvingi@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:t.muvingi@uwinnipeg.ca). Our Department Chair and Honours Advisor will review your forms, and then you will be informed about your eligibility for the program. If approved, our Department

## How long is the Honours Thesis?

The Honours Thesis is a 3-credit hour course offered over the course of one term.

## What are the requirements for completing the Honours Thesis?

Students must complete a 30-35 page thesis paper under the mentorship of their course supervisor. Upon completion, the thesis paper is reviewed and graded by the faculty supervisor and a second reader. A student's thesis may develop out of their prior coursework in Rhetoric and Communications.

## How do I register for the Honours Thesis course?

In order to register for RHET-4900, you must first be accepted into the Honours program.

Once accepted into the program, you must identify a thesis topic and approach a potential faculty supervisor who has expertise in the topic area. If the faculty member agrees to supervise your thesis, you must then approach another faculty member to be your second reader. Once your supervisor and second reader are confirmed, you must submit an [Honours Thesis Application Form](#) to the [Department](#) for approval. Upon approval, you will be able to register for the Thesis course via WebAdvisor/Student Planning.

## Can I take Honours courses if I am not in the Honours Program?

Yes, you can take Honours courses (except the Honours Thesis) without applying to the Honours program.

## Can I take Honours courses if I am not majoring or minoring in a RHET program?

Yes, you can take RHET Honours courses (except the Honours Thesis) if you are in a different department.

## Where can I find more information?

- Academic Calendar: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/rhet.pdf>
- Speak to a Department advisor: contact the Honours Advisor, Dr. Matthew Flisfeder ([m.flisfeder@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:m.flisfeder@uwinnipeg.ca)) to schedule an appointment.
- Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications office, Room 3G14, Graham Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 515 Portage Avenue. Department Administrator: Tari Muvingi ([t.muvingi@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:t.muvingi@uwinnipeg.ca)).